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REPORT

OF

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER,

For the Year 1857-8.

MANCHESTER :
J. M. CAMPBELL, PRINTER—NO. 2 UNION BUILDING,
1858.

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ACCOUNTS AND EXPENDTIURES.

ALMS HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

1857.	*Wm. S. True's Bill.*		
Jnue 29.	To one yoke of Oxen,		$150 00
	John S. Brown's Bill.		
April 25.	To 1 Cow,		25 00
	John Locke's Bill.		
May 14.	To 1 Horse Wagon,		25 00
	E. Adams & Co's Bill.		
May 14	To Sawing Shingles,		6 97
	Edmund Sleeper's Bill.		
July.	To 3 Pigs—3,00 each,		9 00
	John S. Couch's Bill.		
March 9.	To 4 bushels Rye,	5 00	
" 20.	2 " "	2 50	7 50
	D. C. Swain's Bill.		
July 3.	A lot of standing Grass,		30 00

Nath. Sleeper's Bill.

Sept. 4 1-5 days shingling, 5 24

Jonathan Shaw's Bill.

Oct. 22. 39¼ bushels corn at 95 cents, 37 29

C. L. Weymouth's Bill.

Dec. 7. To 1 Shoat, 6 00

Benjamin Hill's Bill.

Dec. 7. To 1 Cow, 30 00

Charles S. Whitcomb's Bill.

Oct. 8. To hooping barrels, 40
Nov. 28. " " 35 75

Hazen Mills' Bill.

Dec. 28. To 8 bushels, and 3 lbs. Corn, 8 04

S. S. Chamberlin's Bill.

Dec. 7. To 1 Shoat, 4 00

David S. Ingalls' Bill.

To 1 pair Shoes, 1 25

John S. Emery's Bill.

May. Mend. Shoes for J. Dunlap,	1 00	do. for P. Flanders,	13
28. Ditto,	25	Nov.	
28. do. for N. Hills,	50	29. do. for J Dunlap,	25
June.		Dec.	
6. do. for J. Estebrooks,	30	29. do. for N. Hill,	83
		1 pr shoes, A Lane,	1 75
			5 01

J. M. Kent's Bill.

1857—Feb.		Straps for cart body,	30
14. To shoeing pr oxen,	1 00	Aug.	
24. Repairing staple & ring,	33	13. Shoeing oxen,	58
Mar.		27. do. horse,	63
9. Mending stove covers,	12	Sept.	
17. Mending chains,	42	19. Repairing stove,	25
Apr.		22. Setting ox shoes,	25
4. Repairing chains and snibel,	25	Oct.	
		22. Repairing plow irons,	1 75
11. Shoeing horse,	60	Shoeing horse,	30
May.		Setting ox shoes,	35
9. Mending wagon axle,	33	Nov.	
19. Shoeing oxen,	88	6. Repairing cook stove,	1 00
28. Repairing hoe,	8	16. Axe wages,	15
June.		27. Shoeing horse,	83
29. Shoeing horse,	85	Dec.	
July.		5. do. oxen,	1 70
10. do. oxen,	80	1858—Jan.	
14. Banding cart hubs,	1 50	16. Shoeing horse,	45
Tireing cart wheels,	2 50		
			18 20

Wm. Greenough's Bill.

1857—Dec.		do. 1 gingham had'kf.	13
31. N. Hill, to one green jacket,	2 00	do. 1 box Janes' Pills,	25
			2 38

Richards & Greenough's Bill.

1857—Feb.		18. 1 bbl. flour,	8 00
16. To 7 lbs. coffee,	1 00	June.	
2 lbs. tea,	1 00	19. 2 qts. alcohol,	58
24. 42 1-2 yds. sheeting,	3 81	100 lbs. dun fish,	5 00
8 1-2 lbs. sugar,	1 00	23. 1 oz. Picra,	6
100 lbs. dun fish,	5 00	July.	
1 hank cotton,	4	22. 1 vest for Estebrooks,	1 50
Mar.		25. 1 pt. paregoric,	50
7. 14 3-4 lbs. tobacco,	2 95	Aug.	
14. 1-2 pint rum,	5	17. 1 bag rye meal,	3 00
Apr.		Oct.	
30. 27 gal. molasses, 52,	14 04	14. 3 yds grey cassimere,	2 25
1 plow point,	30	3 1-2 yds. drilling,	35
For Flanders, 3 yds. F. and M. cassimere,	1 50	1 doz. buttons,	3
do. 3 yds sheeting,	30	1-2 oz. linen thread (Estebrooks)	5
do. 1-2 oz linen thread,	5	Nov.	
do. 1 stick twist,	6	11. 1 pt. wine,	20
May.		Dec.	
7. 25 lbs. cod fish,	1 25	13. 13 lbs. rye meal,	44
13. 2 Papers seeds,	8		54 39

Division No. 373's Bill.

1857—Feb.		11 3-4 lbs fins & napes	84
16. 1 bush T I salt	60	10. 2 bags meal,	4 10
1 qt oil,	24	44 lbs rye meal,	1 10
25. 1 bbl. flour,	7 50	12. 100 lbs Eng. cod fish,	5 00
2 lbs. tea,	44	24 1-2 lbs fins & napes	1 72
May.		15. 2 lbs tea,	48
9. 10 galls. molasses,	5 00	19. 14 1-2 lbs pork,	2 18
14. 2 qts oil,	48	Sept.	
4 1-8 lbs. sugar,	50	24. 4 lbs soda,	24
Apr.		26. 1 bbl. flour,	7 25
3. 16 lbs. coffee,	2 00	1 bbl. ex. clear pork,	30 00
1 lb tea,	50	29. 2 qts oil,	45
8 1-2 lbs. sugar,	1 00	2 chambers,	46
1 lb pepper,	18	41 3-4 yds sheeting,	3 76
7. 1 bbl flour,	7 20	24 skeins cotton,	10
1 lb ginger,	10	1 ball wicking,	4
5 lbs soda,	30	Oct.	
8. 1 bag fine salt,	24	1. 3 bags meal,	5 88
23. 2 lbs tea,	44	1 bag rye meal,	2 50
27. 1-2 lb cotton thread,	33	1-4 lb snuff,	6
6 hanks linen,	23	1 oz pins,	7

30. 2 combs, 20
2 doz shoe lacings, 5
May.
4. 1 1-2 bus red-top seed, 1 80
12 lbs clover do 1 92
1-8 bush herdsgrass do 50
21. 4 lbs nails, 18
2 yds linen strainer, 36
1 lb tea, 50
5 lbs rice, 30
28. 3 balls twine, 19
June.
3. 3 lbs sugar, 45
1 ball shoe thread, 7
8. 8 lbs sugar, 1 04
12. 4 lbs soda, 24
17. 1 C S hoe, 52
1 improved cultivator 4 00
23. 20 lbs tobacco, 5 60
22 yds print, 1 98
3 yds gingham, 38
3 1-2 yds sheeting, 31
3 doz buttons, 6
1 pr hose, 14
2 lbs tea, 48
1 bbl flour, 8 25
1 cake soap, 9
40 1-4 yds sheeting, 3 62
July.
7. 1-4 bbl No 1 mackerel 3 50
13. 4 1-8 lbs coffee, 50
2 rifles, 14
2 rakes, 48
4 lbs. soap, 36
15. 1 pr shoes for N Hill 1 38
18. 1 bush beans, 2 25
3 yds denims, 50
22. 2 3-hoop pails, 44
2 1-2 yds sheeting 22
1 doz buttons, 3
2 papers seeds 7
27. 15 lbs potash, 1 62
15 lbs sal soda, 60
5 lbs soda, 30
28. 10 lbs rice, 60
31. 2 lbs tea, 48
1 lb tea, 50
Aug.
5. 1 lb. pepper, 18
8. 13 yds print, Mrs. Little, 1 37
do. 1 yd sheeting, 10
1 lb starch, 10
Box mustard, 14
9. 1 lb. copperas, 6
16. 2 bags meal, 3 80
22. 27 galls molasses, 9 45
2 lbs tea, 1 12
9 lbs sugar, 95
Paper needles, 5
29. 1 bag rye meal, 2 50
4 bags meal, 7 80
Nov.
3. 2 hanks thread, 8
7. 6 lbs codfish, 30
12. 1 bbl. flour, 6 50
4 lbs soda, 24
60 crackers, 25
100 lbs codfish, 5 00
21. 1 file, 9
1 lb pepper, 20
4 lbs raisins, 48
Hank thread, 4
24. 100 crackers, 45
1-4 lb. nutmegs, 25
2 lbs tea, 1 00
1 qt. oil, 23
Dec.
4. 16 lbs coffee, 2 00
12 lbs tobacco, 3 24
7. 12 pipes, 8
8. 3 lbs rosin, 9
11. 1-2 lb saltpetre, 6
14. 2 pr butts, 10
3 doz screws, 15
1-4 lb cloves, 6
16. 1 door handle, 9
21. 1 pr boots for Estebrooks, 2 75
1 bbl flour, 6 12
5 1-2 lbs sal soda 22
1 yd gingham, 12
31. 3 3-4 yds cassimere, 2 82
3-4 yd silicia, 9
3-4 doz buttons, 9
Hank thread, 4
1 doz buttons, 2
1 pr. buck mittens, 1 12
2 lbs tea, 1 00
Bag salt, 20
1858—Jan.
4. 3-4 yd linen, 12
Skein silk, and lacing, 6
5. 1 bag bone meal, 68

	do. 2 doz buttons,	4	13.	3 yds cassimere,	2 25
10.	1 bbl. flour,	8 13	22.	1 lb ginger,	10
18.	17 lbs coffee,	2 00		1 lb pepper,	18
	8 lbs sugar,	96		4 lbs soda,	24
	18 yds ticking,	2 20		5 hanks linen thread,	20
Sept.				2 cakes soap,	8
7,	10 lbs nails,	50	Feb.		
	1-2 bush beans,	1 13	1.	1 bbl flour,	5 75
8.	20 3-4 lbs pork	3 32		18 1-4 lbs coffee,	2 00
	5 lbs nails,	23		2 lbs tea,	40
					234 47

J. P. Whittemore's Bill.

1857—Nov.			16.	" "	50
8.	Vis. Med. Abigail Lane	75	Apr.		
9.	" "	75	10.	Vis. Med. Phillip Flanders,	75
11.	" "	75	11.	Ditto,	50
12.	" "	75	Mar.		
13.	" "	75	18.	Med. Mrs Little,	50
15.	" "	75	28.	" "	50
19.	" "	75	Sept.		
20.	" "	75	6.	" "	75
Sept.			Oct.		
14.	Med. sold Mr Plumer	2 00	6.	" "	50
Feb.			Mar.		
17.	Vis. Med. Phillip Shea	75	28.	" Jesse Prescott,	50
Mar.			May.		
1.	" "	75	8.	" Mrs Simons,	50
16.	" "	50		Vis. and Med. Sally Wharf,	75
May.			June.		
2.	" "	75		Ditto,	75
13.	" "	50	1858—Feb.		
Sept.				do. Richard Emery,	37
16.	" "	75			18 87
Oct.					

1857. ISAAC PLUMER'S BILL.

April.	To 6 lbs. Butter 25,	1	50
	4½ lbs. Tallow, 10,		45
	37½ lbs. Rye Meal,		94
	248 lbs. I. Meal, 1,00,	4	96
	8½ lbs. Lard, 16,	1	36
	6⅜ Bushels Rye, 1,25,	7	96
	5 Bushels Potatoes, 75,	3	75
	1 Bushel Barley,	1	00
	5 6-32 Bushels Oats, 50,	2	58
	48 lbs. Ham, 12½,	6	00
	159 lbs. Extra Pork, 16,	23	85
	1911 lbs. Corn on the cob,	26	50
7	Paid Richards & Greenough for Crack's		50

	10	"	Richards & Greenough for Nails,		15	
May	1	"	Barr & Co. for 1 Churn,	2	50	
	5	"	A. S.Morse for 200 lbs. Fish,	4	00	
	13	"	P. J. Horn for 700 lbs. Plaster,	3	15	
	18	"	I. Plumer for 1 ton Hay,	15	00	
		"	" " 18 Tin Pans,	1	80	
		"	" " 2 " Pails,		75	
		"	E. Cowdrey for Hat for N. Hills,		15	
June	9	"	J. & S. Blake for Salt,	3	68	
	11	"	I. Plumer, 500 lbs. Hay,	3	75	
	16	"	G. C. Fitts, 4 Shad,		50	
	18	"	E. Sleeper, use of Bull,		50	
		"	E.C. Page for Shoes, M. J. Morse,		50	
	23	"	Sam'l Carr,11 bush. Potatoes, 75,	8	25	
	22	"	A. Green Jr.,8 bush.Potatoes,75,	6	00	
May	29	"	J. H. Waterman, 15¾ bush. Potatoes,	6	52	
June	30	"	Eastman & Quincy, 1 Cask Lime,	1	35	
		"	I. Plumer, 1 pr. Shoes, H. Morse,		25	
July	7	"	E. Cowdrey, 2 days work,	1	00	
		"	James Hook, Cart Boxes,		50	
		"	S. S. Adams, setting cart boxes,		75	
		"	N. F. Emerson, use of white-wash brush,		25	
		"	Mrs. Cowdrey, for Soap,		32	
		"	McKean & Hopkins, for 74 lbs. Nails,	3	10	
		"	J. Cunningham, for use of winnowing mill,		26	
Oct.	5	"	For Miss Basford's ticket from Derry to Concord,		95	
		"	W. Leighton, for fixing Axes,	1	95	
		"	T. J. Haselton, keeping Cow,	2	50	
		"	I. Plumer, for Sled Shoes,		25	
1858.						
Jan.	1	"	M. Webster, for Butchering,		38	
		"	G. Morse, for Butchering,		50	
		"	Benj. Wilson, pasturing Oxen,	3	75	
Feb.	4	"	J. T. G. Dinsmore, 5 Bags Meal,	9	10	
		"	D. C. Swain, bal. on account,	2	00	
		"	To myself and wife's ser'ces from April 1st 1857 to April 1st 1858.	180	00	347 71
						1027 0¼

CREDIT.

April	4	By Cash rec'd, A. S. Morse,		50	
	22	Geo. Swain, for Horse,	1	00	
		Chas. Coolidge, Veal,	1	47	
May	28	R. Stevens Oxen ½ day,		50	
	30	G. M. West, Horse to Manchester,	1	00	
June.	4	R. Stevens Oxen 1 day	1	00	
		E. Cowdrey, Horse to town,		20	
Aug.	15	Geo. Swain, Horse to Haverhill,	1	00	
		Mr. Adams, for Boards	8	69	
Sept.	22	" " 8 Sheep,	28	00	
		N. Hall, for Boards,	24	23	
		" 13 Sk's Yarn,	1	75	
		C. Coolidge, 2 Chick's,		67	
		" 1 qt. Beans,		08	
		D. Bell, bal on acc'nt,	7	40	
Feb.	4	J. W. West 2nd, bal. on account,		50	
		G. M. West " " "	2	05	
		E. Childs, " " "		70	
		H. West, " " "	5	29	
		R. Shirley,	28	11	
		H. A. Hall, Horse to Manchester,	1	00	
		By work done by Mr Shea, for Mr Plumer	10	00	
Feb.	12	By cash rec'd, G. M. West bal. on acc't,	4	86	
		County of Rockingham,	225	34	
		1 yoke of Oxen,	150	00	
		Chas. Stevens for 1 Cow,	27	00	532 34
		Drawn from treasurer to balance,			494 73
					1027 07
		Due from the town of Auburn for support of paupers from April 1st 1857, to Feb. 10th 1858,	110	51	
		Due from Noah Clark for support of his mother,	26	00	
		Due from D. L. Batchelder for 1097 feet Boards, 12,00 pr. M.,	13	16	149 67
		Deduct this amount from the amount drawn from the treasurer, and it gives the net expence of the poor—which is—			345 06

CHESTER, FEB. 10, 1858.

This day met at the Alms House and took account, which was as follows:—1 yoke of Oxen, 2 Cows, 1 Horse and 3 Shoats.

PROVISIONS.

6 bushels Meal, 9 bushels Beans, 1½ bushel Barley, 3½ lbs. Yarn, 4 bushels Oats, 100 lbs. Ham, 25 lbs. Lard, 25 lbs. Tallow, 14 lbs. Candles, ¾ bbl. Flour, 2¾ bbl. Beef, 2 bbl. Pork, 10 lbs. Butter, 100 bushels Potatoes, 7 tons E. Hay, 3 tons run Hay.

Average number of paupers at the Alms House during the year 17; present number 16, 3 belong to Auburn, 4 to the County.

The following is a list of inmates now in the Alms House, with their ages:

Nelson Hills,	40	John Dunlap,	68
Joshua Little,	59	Hannah Morse,	31
Elisabeth M. Little,	77	Phillip Flanders,	57
Abigail Lane,	50	Nancy Clark,	87
Charles Morse,	5	Philip Shea,	67
Joel Esterbrook,	70	Ann Simons,	45
Abigail Bryant,	34	Sarah A. Potter,	37
Salley Wharf,	69	Richard Emery,	43

POOR OFF THE FARM.

1857 & 8. DIVISION 373d's BILL

For articles furnished the Robinson Family,			$96	68	
"	"	" E. Hall,	95	08	
"	"	" Mrs. West	4	14	
"	"	" Ednah Morse,	3	53	199 43

RICHARDS & GREENOUGH'S BILL.

For articles furnished Ednah Morse,			13	70	
"	"	" E. Hall,	8	86	
"	"	" Drew Family,	1	21	22 77

WM. GREENOUGH'S BILL.

For articles furnished E. Hall,				48	

JONATHAN SHAW'S BILL.

For Wood furnished E. Hall, 1856,			4	94	

	NOAH WEEKS' BILL.		
	For wood for E. Morse,	7 17	
	GEO. W. CHASE'S BILL.		
	For wood for Mrs. West,	1 34	
	F. UNDERHILL'S BILL.		
	Sawing 8¼ cords wood for E. Morse,	4 13	
	LUTHER FITTS' BILL.		
Nov. 1.	2¼ cords wood for E. Morse,	7 31	
16	2½ do do	8 13	
		15 44	
	Credit, by C. L: Weymouth,	6 25	9 19
	AMOS GREEN'S BILL.		
Dec. 14.	½ cord hard wood del'd Robinson,	1 75	
	6 feet hemlock do	1 87	
	½ cord hard wood do	1 75	5 37
	B. P. ROBIE'S BILL.		
June 24.	Cord hard wood deliv. Ednah Morse,		3 50
	W. P. W. WHITTEMORE'S BILL.		
	5 cords hard wood to E. Hall,		16 00
	JACOB CHASE'S BILL.		
	2 cords hard wood,	7 00	
	1 cord pine wood, for Ednah Morse,	2 00	9 00
	JACOB CHASE'S BILL.		
	Boards for E. Morse's Coffin,		72
	THOMAS S. MORSE'S BILL.		
	Making coffin for E. Morse,		2 50
	C. L. WEYMOUTH'S BILL.		
	Digging grave for E. Morse,	1 50	
	Tolling bell for do	50	2 00
	M. G. UNDERHILL'S BILL.		
	Services of self and wife at E. Morse's,		2 00
	S. S. ADAMS' BILL.		
	Coffin for Drew child,		1 50
	SARAH LANE'S BILL.		
	Robe for Drew child,		75
	C. L. WEYMOUTH'S BILL.		
Sept. 24.	Digging grave for Drew child,	75	
	Tolling bell for do	50	1 25
	DANIEL CLAY'S BILL.		
	Coffin for Mrs. West,		3 50
	S. S. ADAMS' BILL.		
	Burial box for Mrs. West,		1 75

JOSEPH DAME'S BILL.

Tolling bell for Mrs. West,			50

ASAHEL WEEKS' BILL.

½ cord hard wood,	1	50	
½ cord pine wood to E. Morse,	1	00	2 50

S. C. MCDUFFEE'S BILL.

Digging grave for Mrs. West,			1 50

M. S. PINGREY'S BILL.

Boarding and nursing C. E. E. Carr, 3 weeks, at $3,00 per week,			9 00

JOHN DEARBORN'S BILL.

Boarding John Underhill 58 weeks, at 50 cts. per week,			29 00

TOWN OF CANDIA'S BILL.

Mrs. S. Potter's last sickness,			17 49
Sarah A. Potter's bill,			24 00

T. F. REYNOLDS' BILL.

Cash to E. Morse,			1 00

1857. J. P. WHITTEMORE'S BILL.

To 10 vis. and Med., Robinson family,	7	50	
4 " " Drew child	2	00	
15 " " C. E. E. Carr,	7	50	
20 " " E. Hall,	10	00	
16 " " Mrs. West.	12	00	
4 " " Aramantha West,	3	00	42 00
			427 25

Improvements on Highways and Bridges.

D. C. FRENCH'S BILL.

1857.			
Sept. 8. To 2 hands and oxen 1 day on road in District No. 10,	3	00	
Cart and plough,		50	
22 2 hands and oxen 1 day on bridge in District No. 10,	3	00	
24 Self, oxen and cart, 1½ day on bridge in District No. 10,	3	37	
Oct. 24 Self, Oxen and Cart 1 day on bridge in District No. 10.	2	25	

	1 chestnut stringer,		75	
Nov. 19.	3 hands, oxen and cart 1 day on road in District No. 5,	4	25	17 12

HAZEN W. FRENCH'S BILL.

Sept 8.	To self and hand 1½ day on road in District No. 10	1	50	
21	1 day on bridge in No. 9,	1	00	
24	2 days on bridge in No. 10,	2	00	
Oct. 24.	1½ day on bridge in No. 10,	1	50	
Nov. 19.	1 day on road in No. 5,	1	00	7 00

S. C. MCDUFFEE'S BILL.

	½ day work on road			50

A. WEEKS' BILL.

1857.				
Jan. 10.	4 hours breaking roads,		40	
20.	4 hours breaking roads,		40	80

S. B. MILLER'S BILL.

1857.				
Jan. 20.	28 hours breaking roads	3	50	

ELIPHALET BROWN'S BILL.

	To labor on road in district No. 13,			5 80

JONATHAN F. BROWN'S BILL.

Sept. 24.	1 day work on bridge in No. 10,	1	00	
25.	½ day work on bridge in No. 10,		50	1 50

JOSEPH SMITH, JR.'S BILL.

	To 1 day on road in district No. 15,			1 00

N. F. EMERSON'S BILL.

June 8.	3 hands and boy 1 day on road	4	37	
	Oxen 1 day,	1	25	
	Horse ½ day,		62	
	Plow and scraper,		50	6 74

S. B. MILLER'S BILL.

June	3½ days on road,			3 50

CHAS. S. WILCOMB'S BILL.

	Self and team ½ day on road,			1 25

LEWIS KIMBALL'S BILL.

May	891 feet chestnut plank,	11	58	
	Putting down and drawing same,		50	
Nov.	Self and 4 oxen ½ day drawing rocks to build cassey,	1	25	13 33

JACOB CHASE'S BILL.

Nov.	10 days work on Silver road,	10 00	
	Use of tools,	55	10 55

1857 NOAH WEEKS' BILL.

Jan. 6.	3 hands and 4 oxen 3 hours each	1 50	
9.	2 hands 2 hours,	40	
10.	2 hands 4 hours,	80	
20.	2 hands and 4 oxen 4 hours,	1 60	
24.	3 hands and 4 oxen 5 hours,	2 50	6 80

HENRY MILLS' BILL.

Sept. 24.	5 stringers,	3 75	
	8 "	7 50	
	Self and oxen one day	2 00	13 25

N. S. MORSE'S BILL.

1 day work on road,		1 00

GEORGE MARDEN'S BILL.

Sept. 8.	2 days work on road in district No 10	2 00	
Oct. 24	2 days work on road in district No 10	2 00	4 00

ANDERSON HOLMAN'S BILL.

Sept.	7 days work on road in district No 15	7 00	
	Oxen and 2 carts,	1 40	8 40

EBENEZER MARDEN'S BILL.

Sept. 8.	Self, oxen and cart 1 day on road in district No. 10,	2 25

1857 GEO. W. CLARK'S BILL.

Jan.	5 hours breaking roads	62

1857 AMOS D. WEST'S BILL.

Sept. 16.	1 day's work cutting bushes,	1 00	
17	" " " "	1 00	
Oct. 6	½ " " " "	50	
7	½ " " " "	50	
Nov. 4	1 " " " "	1 00	4 00

GEO. W. CHASE'S BILL.

Oct. 16.	½ day's work on Silver road,	50	
17	1 " " " " "	1 00	
20	1 " " " " "	1 00	
21	½ " " " " "	50	3 00

JOHN UNDERHILL'S BILL.

Nov. 4.	1 day cutting bushes,	1 00

1857 B. P. ROBIE'S BILL.

Jan. 20.	4 hours work on road,	40

CHARLES CHASE'S BILL.

Oct. 16.	½ day's work on Silver road,	50	
17	1 " " " " "	1 00	
20	5 hours' " " " "	63	
21	Self and oxen two hours	50	
	Breaking chains and use of blasting tools,	67	3 30

1857 JOHN LOCKE'S BILL.

April 16.	Repairing highway in district No 11,		3 50

JOSEPH WEBSTER'S BILL.

	Labor on road in district No. 2 in spring of 1857,		4 45

GEO. W. WILCOMB'S BILL.

Nov. 20.	1 day's work on road in district No 4		1 00

JOHN S. EMERY'S BILL.

Nov. 20.	1 day's work in district No. 4,		1 00

SAMUEL MARSTEN'S BILL.

Sept. 21.	1 day's work self and oxen,	2 00	
	½ " " carting gravel,	1 00	
1858			
Jan. 13,	612 feet bridge plank	7 65	
	½ day's work, self and oxen,	75	
	Work on bridge,	17	11 57

1856-7 GEO. MARDEN'S BILL.

	11 days' work on road in winter and spring,		11 00

GEO. S. UNDERHILL'S BILL.

	2¾ days work on road		2 75

1857 NATH. WEST'S BILL.

Sept. 18.	1 day's work on bridge,	1 00	
19	1 " " "	1 00	
Oct. 1.	1 day's work on road,	1 00	3 00

JOHN WASON'S BILL.

	171 feet oak plank		3 42

B. SPOFFORD'S BILL.

	1 day hewing stringers,	1 00	
	Hewing stringers,	66	
	350 feet chestnut plank,	4 37	6 03

JONATHAN SHACKFORD'S BILL.

Sept.	Work done on road,		2 64

MATTHEW FORSAITH'S BILL.

Sept. 15,	1 day's work on road,	1 00	
Oct.	2 days' work on road,	2 00	
	2 " " " "	2 00	
1858			
Jan.	3½ " cutting bushes on road,	3 50	8 50

BENJ. WILSON'S BILL.

Jan. 20,	Self, 1 hand and 4 cattle, 6 hours,	3 00	
24	Self, one hand and team,	2 00	
27	Labor breaking roads,	1 50	
Feb. 2	Labor breaking roads,	1 00	7 50
1857	EDMUND SLEEPER'S BILL.		
	½ day's work on road,	50	
	Paid Calvin Hills for breaking roads,	75	
	Working out non resident tax in district No. 4	1 95	3 07

NATH. WEST'S BILL.

April 8.	147 feet oak plank,	2 00	
	60 feet chestnut plank,	75	
	Oxen to draw the same,	20	
	Labor on bridge and road,	1 50	4 42

PETER HASELTON'S BILL.

May 14.	Examining road in Dis. No. 2,	75	
June 4.	Notifying to work on road,	62½	
12	Work on road 9 hours,	1 12½	
19	" " " 12 "	1 50	
20	" " " 5 "	62½	
26	" " " 8 "	1 00	
27	" " " 5 "	62½	
Nov 20	" " " 8 "	1 00	
21	" " " 4 "	50	7 75

JAMES TOWLE'S BILL.

	2 days on road,	2 00	
Sept.	To 336 plank,	5 04	
	Timber for posts,	75	
Oct.	100 feet plank,	1 50	
	2 days on road,	2 00	11 29

1856. CHARLES COOLEDGE'S BILL.

Labor done breaking roads in No. 6, 13 33

GEO. MARDEN'S BILL.

½ day on bridge in dis. No. 9, 50

T. F. Reynolds' Bill.

Sept. 8.	1	day's work	on road	in dis.	No. 10,	1 00	
21.	1	do	bridge	do	9,	1 00	
	3	do	do	do	10,	3 00	
Oct.	½	do	do	do	10,	50	
" 24.	1	do	road	do	10,	1 00	
Nov.	2	do	do	do	5	2 00	8 50

Sylvester W. Wilber's Bill.

2 days work on road,	2 00	
2 days work of oxen,	2 00	
2 days use of cart,	50	4 50
		240 46

NON-RESIDENT TAX WORKED OUT.

Amos Morse's bill,	3 38	Wm Weeks,	95	
Osgood True's	5 76	Jacob S Couch,	1 62	
Sylvester W Wilber,	7 77	Anderson Holman,	5 66	
Anderson Holman,	2 02	John Wason,	1 43	
Moses Webster,	3 23	Sylvester W Wilber,	75	
Eliphalet Brown,	81	Jacob S Couch,	3 49	
Jacob S Couch,	7			
				36 85

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Peter Sanborn,	$207 90		
Charles M. Norris,	346 94		554 84
Paid Wm. H. Fisk for printing town and school report,	22 00		
For stationery,	3 06		25 06
School District No. 4,			158 35
Parker Morse, time and expenses to Manchester to get reports printed,			4 75
Lucian Kent, services as Town Clerk,			10 00
Hiram Smart, Jr., for Teachers' Institute,			15 00
J. P. Whittemore, services as Superintending School Committee,	40 00		
D. D. Patten, do.,	10 00		50 00
A. S. Dearborn, T. J. Hazelton, postage,			63
A. Wood, attorney's services, 1853,	11 00		
W. W. Stickney, bill of advice, 1857,	2 00		13 00

1857. Fire Department Bill.

Paid A. S. Dearborn for lumber, nails, labor, fixing fire hooks, ladders and place for them,	7 00	
Do., repairing Engine and oiling,	1 00	8 00

C. S. Whitcomb, for repairing hose, expense to get do., service as Fire Ward,	2 75		
Jacob Chase, 2 ladders, 24 feet long,	5 50	16	25
R. W. Moore, carrying 4 boxes State guns to Raymond Centre,	1 50		
Concord & Portsmouth R. R., freight,	1 35		
Trucking,	50	3	35
John W. Noyes, for seats to Town Hall, lumber, nails and labor,		18	75
Ezra Willet, digging grave for Miss Morse, 1856,	2 00		
To care of Hearse House and tools,	2 00		
Warming Town Hall,	50		
C. L. Weymouth, taking care of hearse and grave tools, 1 axe handle, 1857,	2 15		
J. M. Kent, repairing tools,	1 04	7	69
Luther Fitz, 1 day with Selectmen, Apr. 9,	1 25		
John Couch, do., Apr. 12,	1 25		
Charles Chase, ½ day with do.,	50	3	00
C. L. Weymouth, to warming Town Hall 4 days, 1857–8,	4 00		
1 Padlock, 13, warming and lighting vestry for School Commissioner,	1 13		
Joseph Dane, warming and cleaning Town Hall, 1857,	1 50	6	63
C. W. Dinsmore, paid T. Smith for copy of deed and getting same,	64		
Money for building and repairing school houses, School Dist. No. 1,	1300 00		
" " No. 4, on Ex.	181 03		
" " No. 1 in Auburn,	42 76	1523	79

Remittance of Taxes.

W. T. Green, over taxed,	3 25	Mrs. Potter place,	1 15		
Daniel Clay, deceased,	5 45	Josiah Small, poor,	1 56		
Philbrick J. Rand, do.,	1 56	E. Hall place,	33		
Caleb Whitman, 1856,	2 23	James Brickett, gone,	1 56		
D. D. Patten, out of town,	3 89	Charles Durgin, "	3 89		
Otis Webster, "	5 45	John Wason, mill burnt,	62	31	94

School Money.

Paid Dist No. 1,	157 91	Paid Dist. No. 7,	55 88		
No. 2,	81 56	No. 8,	78 47		
No. 3,	100 57	No. 9,	34 07		
No. 4,	50 94	No. 10,	34 44		
No. 5,	34 16	No. 11,	38 38		
No. 6,	50 90	No. 1 Auburn	9 04	726	32

TOWN HALL.

1857—Apr.		1858—			
24. Received for town hall	1 50	Jan. 5, " "	1 50		
Aug. 21, " "	1 75	14, " "	1 50		
Dec. 21, " "	1 00	Cash for glass,	38	7	63
To taking care Town Hall,				1	00
				6	63

COLLECTOR'S SERVICES.

James D. Bell, collecting $4057.18 at ½ per cent.,	60	86
Due from T. B. Robie by notes,	6	10
T. F. Reynolds, services as town treasurer,	6	00

Selectmen's Expenses.

1857-8. E. B. CASWELL'S BILL.

To 20 dinners for Selectmen, Collector, and Auditors at 37½ cents,	$7	50

T. F. REYNOLDS' BILL.

M'ch 16.	To horse and wagon to Manchester,	1	25
	Expenses,		50
28	Horse and wagon to Candia,		64
April.	17 dinners while taking invoice,	4	25
Ap & M.	16 dinners of Selectmen,	4	00
May 12.	Expenses with Auburn Selectmen,		50
June 9	Horse and wagon to Exeter,	1	50
	Expenses,		50
	Three dinners for Selectmen,		75
Sep. 2-3	Two dinners while taking invoice in district No. 4,		50
	Four dinners while on town business,	1	00
29	Horse and wagon to Derry,		60
Oct. 24.	Dinner in district No. 10,		25
30	Horse and wagon to Exeter,	1	50
	Expenses,		50
	Paid T. Smith for examining records,		50
Nov. 9.	Horse and wagon to Candia,		64

11	Expenses to Portsmouth to get county money,	4 00		
Dec. 12.	Horse and wagon to Auburn,	50		
1858.				
Jan. 1.	Horse and Sleigh to Epping,	1 20		
	Expenses,	38		
11	Horse-bating and dinner at Man'ter,	63		
Feb. 8.	Horse and wagon to Manchester,	1 25		
	Expenses,	50	27	84
	HENRY MOORE'S BILL.			
	Expenses while taking invoice,			75
	GEORGE MARDEN'S BILL.			
	Expenses while taking invoice,		4	25
1857.	THOMAS F. REYNOLDS' BILL.			
Mar. 13.	To ½ day on pauper case,	50		
14	½ day to organize Board,	50		
16	1 day to Manchester,	1 00		
21	½ day to locate school-house in No. 4	50		
27	1 day preparing invoice,	1 00		
28	1 day to Candia to pay S A Potter's bill,	1 00		
April 1 to 21.	17 days taking invoice,	17 00		
22–27	4 days copying invoice and mak. taxes,	4 00		
28–29	2 days making taxes and surveyors' warrants,	2 00		
30	1 day delivering warrants,	1 00		
May 1–2	2 days copying warrants into book,	2 00		
4–5	2 days making taxes,	2 00		
10	½ day making taxes,	50		
11	1 day with Auburn Selectmen,	1 00		
16	1 day to Candia to pay Mrs. Sarah Potter's bill,	1 00		
18–20	3 days making Col's book and warrants	3 00		
22	½ day to Alms House,	50		
June 5.	½ day on records,	50		
8	1 do and preparing invoice in district No. 1,	1 00		
9	1 day to Exeter on school business,	1 00		
10–11	2 days appraising district No. 1,	2 00		
18	½ day copying and footing invoice in district No. 1,	50		
19	½ day to examine road on petition,	50		
26	1 day making taxes, district No. 1,	1 00		

27	½ day on town business,	50
29	½ day to get oxen for town farm,	50
30	½ day copying school tax into collector's book,	50
July 3	½ day to D. C. Swain's to buy grass for town farm,	50
24	½ day on town business,	50
Aug. 1	1 day on pauper case,	1 00
8	½ day to furnish supplies for E Morse	50
22	½ day to Alms House,	50
27	½ day to examine borough road,	50
Sep. 2–3	2 days taking invoice in No. 4,	2 00
4	1 day laying out road on petition of George Wilson and others,	1 00
5	1 day copying invoice and making taxes in district No. 4,	1 00
23	1 day on pauper business,	1 00
26	½ day to Alms House,	50
29	½ day on pauper case,	50
Oct. 3.	½ day to examine Silver road,	50
23	1 day on pau. case and Alms House	1 00
29	½ day to furnish aid for E. Morse,	50
30	1 day at Exeter on records,	1 00
Nov. 3.	½ day to get bills of county paupers,	50
7	½ day to get affidavits of do	50
9	1 day to Candia to get affidavit,	1 00
10	½ day preparing county bills,	50
11–12	2 days at Ports. for county money,	2 00
18	½ day on town business,	50
21	1 day at Alms House,	1 00
23	1 day to appoint new collector and write warrants,	1 00
Dec. 2.	½ day to buy cow for town farm,	50
5	½ day to buy shoats, do	50
9	½ day to get cow do	50
12	½ day on town business,	50
24	1 day settling bills,	1 00
26	1 day to Raymond with State guns,	1 00
28	½ day revising juror box,	50
1858.		
Jan. 1.	1 day to Epping to get money,	1 00
9	½ day to Alms House,	50
11	1 day to pay execution at Manchester, for dis. No. 4,	1 00
12	1 day settling bills,	1 00

Feb. 8.	1 day to Manchester to settle with Noah Clark,	1 00		
10	1 day at Alms House,	1 00		
11	1 day settling blils,	1 00		
12	½ " " "	50		
13	1 day prepairing accounts for press,	1 00		
15	½ day settling with collector,	50		
16-18	3 days prepairing accounts for press,	3 00		
19	1 day making treasurer's account,	1 00		
	1 day making warrants and check list,	1 00		
	1 day with Auditors,	1 00		
	½ day correcting check list,	50	85	50
1857.	HENRY MOORE'S BILL.			
Mar. 14	To ½ day to Organize,	50		
17	½ day at Alms House,	50		
21	½ day locating school house, lot in dis. No. 1,	50		
April 1	1 day at Alms House,	1 00		
3	1 day taking invoice,	1 00		
May 12	1 day with Auburn Selectmen,	1 00		
Sept 2.	½ day examing road on petition,	50		
4	1 day laying out same,	1 00		
Oct. 15	½ day on town business,	50		
Dec. 24	1 day settling bills,	1 00		
Dec. 28	½ day revising juror box,	50		
1858.				
Jan. 12	1 day settling bills,	1 00		
Feb. 10	1 day at Alms House,	1 00		
11	1 day settling bills,	1 00		
12	½ day " "	50		
15	½ day " with Collector,	50		
20	1 day making warrants and check list,	1 00		
	1 day with Auditors,	1 00		
	½ day correcting check list,	50	14	50
	GEORGE MARDEN'S BILL.			
1857.				
Mar. 14	½ day to organize,	50		
Ap 1–21	17 days taking invoice,	17 00		
22–25	4 days footing, copying and making taxes,	4 00		
27–8	2 days copying warrants,	2 00		
30	½ day delivering warrants,	50		
May. 4	1 day making taxes,	1 00		
Je 10–11	2 days taking invoice in No. 1,	2 00		
19	½ day examining road on petition,	50		

July 3	½ day to D. C. Swain's, to buy grass,	50	
Spt. 3–4	2 days taking invoice in No. 4,	2 00	
" 5	½ day on road on petition,	50	
26	½ day at Alms House.	50	
Oct. 3	½ day on Silver road,	50	
15	½ day examining road in No. 10,	50	
Nov. 21	1 day at Alms House,	1 00	
Dec. 24	1 day settling bills,	1 00	
28	½ day to revise Juror box,	50	
1858.			
Jan. 12	1 day settling bills,	1 00	
Feb. 10	1 day at Alms House,	1 00	
11	1 day settling bills,	1 00	
12	½ day " "	50	
15	½ day " with Collector,	50	
20	1 day making warrants and check list,	1 00	
	1 day with Auditors,	1 00	
	½ day to correct check list,	50	41 00
			141 00

Town of Chester in account with T. F. Reynolds, Treas.

To paid net expenses of Town Farm,		$494 73
	Net expense of poor off the farm,	427 25
	Improvements in highways and bridges,	240 46
	Non-resident tax worked out,	36 85
	State and County taxes,	554 84
	Town and school report,	22 00
	Stationery,	3 06
	Debts paid,	158 35
	Parker Morse's bill,	4 75
	Town Clerk services,	10 00
	Teachers' Institute,	15 00

Superintending School Committee,	50 00
Postage,	63
Attorney's services,	13 00
Fire Wards' bill,	16 25
Return of State guns,	3 35
Seats to Town Hall,	18 75
Hearse and grave tools,	7 69
Guides,	3 00
Taking care of Town Hall,	6 63
C. W. Dinsmore's bill,	64
Building and repairing school houses,	1523 79
Remittance on taxes,	31 94
School money,	726 32
Collector's services,	60 86
R. P. Robie's note,	6 13
Town Treasurer's services,	6 00
Selectmen's expenses,	32 84
Selectmen's services,	141 00
Auditor's services,	2 00
	$4618 11
In the hands of the Treasurer and Collector,	680 19
	$5298 30

CREDIT.

Received of Parker Morse, March 10, 1857,	$768 98
" " from Noah Clark for support of his mother in 1856,	26 00
Railroad money for 1856,	16 70
" " for 1857, not received.	
Literary fund for 1857,	103 20
S. A. Potter by J. M. Kent,	75 61
Nath. Sleeper,	6 00
For Town Hall,	6 63
County for paupers,	225 16
Tax list for 1857,	4057 18
	5285 46
Received of Ednah Morse's estate,	12 84
	5298 30

The Town owes the following debts: Interest cast to date, Feb. 11, 1858—		
Josiah Seavey, 1 note renewed,	$1500	00
" " " "	38	71
The following notes the interest is cast to March 1,1858:		
Lucian Kent,	264	26
Jacob Chase,	132	13
John Currier 5½ per cent.,	1398	93
	$3334	03
The following sums are due the Town:		
A. S. Dearborn's note,	$191	85
Due from N. Clark,	26	00
Town of Auburn,	110	51
David L. Bachelder.	13	16
Moses G. Underhill,from estate of E. Morse,	3	23
D. C, Swain, 1856,	5	18
R. Stevens, 1856–7,	3	10
Samuel Kendall, 1857,	2	40
D. Shaw, Jr., "	1	25
N. R. West, "	1	50
In hands of Treasurer and Collector,	680	19
	1038	37
Due from the Town, $3334 03		
Due to the Town, 1038 37		
Balance against the Town,	2295	66

Chester Feb. 22, 1858. We the undersigned have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges.

PARKER MORSE,
WILLIAM GREENOUGH. } Auditors.

REPORT

of the Superintending School Committee

OF CHESTER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1858.

CITIZENS OF CHESTER :—The laws of our State require that the Superintending School Committee take the oath of office like other town officers, and that he make an annual report to be presented to the town at its annual meeting, setting forth the condition and progress of the schools in each district, accompanied with such suggestions as may be useful for the promotion of the interests of education.

It will be observed by the careful reader of this law, that a wide field is thus laid open to the friend of education for suggestion and improvement, although the circumstances usually attending the committee of a country town seldom admit of a very lengthy discussion or a very elaborate report.

It will be remembered then, that the committee is to report his doings and transactions under oath, and unpleasant as it is at times, and in instances it may be so to do, if he fails to do so, he subjects himself to not only the charge of perjury, but to the crime itself, and entails upon himself the consequences. Forbear with me then, if in the following pages any thing may seem to be harsh or unpleasant, for we have aimed to do justice kindly, with no desire to injure the feelings or character of any one, and if done, it is done only where mercy and kindness were overruled by the demands of truth and justice.

A majority of our schools have been taught by females, and a larger portion of the money expended in the summer and autumn months, thus affording the scholars, most of whom are small, abundant opportunity to enjoy its benefits to a large extent.

Five of these schools have had two sessions, taught by the same teacher.

Four only of the districts have had winter sessions taught by male teachers. Three of the teachers employed, had taught previously, while one made his first appearance in that capacity.

It will be seen as we proceed, that various results have attended the success of our schools, this year, as is usually the case. These results may be attributed in part to the character and condition of the school, and in part to the ability of the teacher.

The leading feature, of the less fortunate, was in point of government. Some having entirely lost sight of this item of discipline, or having never had sight of it, met with an entire failure, while others strove with a deficiency of authority and made but little more progress in that direction ; while in a majority of the schools the regulation was good and the order and decorum that prevailed elicit the commendation and praise of committee and spectators.

Your committee congratulates the teaches and our citizens upon the scholarship of the various teachers engaged the current year, as most of them were either our own townsmen or were in part or whole, fiitted at our own public institution, and it is seldom that a class of the size of that examined as teachers of our summer school contains so many valuable scholars, some of whom were of a high order. And we are filled with pleasure to see the fruits of this, (for us,) gigantic effort so richly crowned.

The teachers are entitled to the thanks of the committee for the general correctness of their registers, and the promptness with which they were returned.

The amount of money appropriated by the Town this year was $726 32
" " derived from Railroad and Literary fund was
$103 20 and $16 70, *119 90

The proportion for each District divided as per Poll and Estate, is

For	Dist.	No.	1	$157 91	and	Literary	fund	$10 90	$168	81
"	"	"	2	81 56	"	"	"	10 90	92	46
"	"	"	3	100 57	"	"	"	10 90	111	47
"	"	"	4	50 94	"	"	"	10 90	61	84
"	"	"	5	34 16	"	"	"	10 90	45	06
"	"	"	6	50 90	"	"	"	10 90	61	80
"	"	"	7	55 88	"	"	"	10 90	66	78
"	"	"	8	78 47	"	"	"	10 90	89	37
"	"	"	9	34 07	"	"	"	10 90	44	97
"	"	"	10	34 44	"	"	"	10 90	45	34
"	"	"	11	38 38	"	"	"	10 90	49	28
"	Auburn & Chester			9 04					9	04
				$726 32					$846	22

*Divided equally among the districts.

District No. 1.—*John Morse, Prudential Committee.* Caroline M. Brown, teacher Summer and Autumn terms. This school has long enjoyed the reputation of being a difficult one to teach. Its present teacher, however, is an excellent disciplinarian, and commenced her instruction with firmness and mildness, and soon gained the respect and confidence of the scholars. She awakened their interest, even to enthusiasm, by her gymnastic, rhetorical and musical exercises, and gave them a commendable course of common school instruction. The school appeared well upon examination at the close of the second term.

Winter Term—*J. S. Brown, Prud. Com.* William Marshall, teacher. He commenced his school, amid the surroundings of unfavorable circumstances, and encountered opposition at the very threshold of his labors. He, however, pursued his task energetically with the manifest intention of doing his whole duty, and being useful to his pupils and employers. His task was a difficult one, and was rendered somewhat more so by the occasional outcroppings of disorder and insubordination, fostered, it is feared, by the unkind pressure of outside influences.

He inspired his school with a good degree of vivacity and promptness in their reading and recitations, and an air of thoroughness pervaded the whole school. At its close we found substantial evidence of its having made more progress, in the various branches examined, than we recollect to have witnessed in any school of the same length for some years.

Dist. No. 2.—*S. D. Richardson, Prud. Com.* Data Ann Morse, teacher, Summer term. The scholars of this school are mostly small and young. The teacher taught upon the principles of kindness and justice, and succeeded in securing the love and good will of the scholars and the full approbation of the district. The school made good proficiency in their studies.

Winter Term—*J. B. J. D., Prud. Com.* James H. Whittemore, teacher. For a report of this term the reader is referred to the citizens of the district.

Dist. No. 3.—*Wm P. Underhill, Prud. Com.* Susan Hazelton, teacher, Summer term. Miss Hazelton has for years enjoyed the reputation of being a first class teacher, and it is only considered necessary to secure her services to insure a good school, and although this is a very hard school to teach, owing to numbers and age, she succeeded admirably with it and advanced them well in their studies, and taught them to respect authority remarkably. She had twenty in the alphabet.

Winter Term—*J. B. J. D., Prud. Com.* Rev. Jesse Brown, teacher. It was once stated by the Rev. Mr. Ormsby, in his report of this school, that square men were sometimes called to fill round holes, and round men square ones. This remark still applies with some force. The teacher is a practical preacher of the Gospel, having a stated supply to fill, and while we have great respect for him in his chosen profession, (or as a teacher in proper circumstances,) we very much doubt the propriety of one, whose daily duty demands, not only the best and noblest efforts of the mind, but all of them, undertaking the additional charge of a district school of sixty scholars. We must express our regret at the misfortune of both teacher and school in this case.

Dist. No. 4.—*J. L. L. Green, Prud. Com.* Lydia A. N. Webster, teacher, Summer term. In many respects this is a pleasant school, one of the essentials being a nice house. Add to this, a pleasant and agreeable teacher and agreeable scholars, and the prospect is flattering. Miss W. had the pleasure of seeing her labors appreciated, and the scholars much improved in their pursuits of learning.

Dist. No. 5.—*D. Shaw Jr., Prud. Com.* Martha A. Hill, teacher, Summer term. The teacher's first school. She made her debut amid favorable circumstances, with the intention of rising in the scale.

She commenced with one of the smallest in town, and at the lowest wages. But even here acquitted herself much to her credit, and to the advantage of the school.

Dist. No. 6.—*Jason Spofford Prud. Com.* Lucy P. Greenough teacher Summer and Autumn Terms. She commenced her labors as teacher quite young. But possessing a larger share of practical good sense, than falls to the average lot at her age, she succeeded in securing the good will and obedience of her scholars, and in advancing them considerably in their studies.

Dist. No. 7.—*Wm. Tenney Prud. Com.* Semantha C. Merrill teacher Summer and Autumn Terms. This was the teacher's first district school, and we are pleased to say that no young lady of her age stands so high in literary attainments. But, unfortunately, she fails in the faculty of government. The examination of the school at the close was not satisfactory.

Dist. No. 8.—*George Hook Prud. Com.* Louisa J. Bean teacher Summer and Autumn Terms. Miss Bean is an experienced teacher, has taught

in town before, and obtained the honor from the Rev. Mr. Ormsby, we think, of being second to no one in her profession. And having a good opinion of his candor and judgment, in such cases, we endorse the sentiment, with an amendment, viz.: that she adopt another penalty-clause into her code. We think then her administration, now good, would be improved. The scholars did themselves credit and their teacher honor at the close of the second term.

Dist. No. 9.—*Lewis Sanborn, Prud. Com.* No Summer Term. Martha A. Hill teacher Winter Term. This is Miss Hill's second school this season—and, although a small one, with comparatively few advantages, it is still one of the most worthy schools in town, both scholars and parents seeming to appreciate those which they do enjoy. The scholars are studious, prompt and punctual; obedient to teacher, respectful to strangers, and strive apparently to make the most of their opportunities. The teacher was very successful here as well as the scholars and District.

Dist. No. 10.—*E. Brown, Prud. Com.* No Summer Term. Sarah J. French teacher Winter Term. This school, small in numbers and limited in advantages, has for two years enjoyed the very great privilege of having the services of a teacher who has the right qualifications for her calling, and the courage to bring them into action at the proper time and place. And if the remark will apply to a country school that enjoys but ten weeks school in the year, this is a model school. The teacher and scholars are entitled to much praise for the improvement made the present session.

Dist. No. 11.—*Peter Smith, Prud. Com.* Mehitable Kidder teacher Summer Term. The teacher, although young, has a combination of virtues and qualities, which render her a teacher of no ordinary merit. And the marks she made upon the school during her instruction, were such as few could fail to approve. Unfortunately, however, such abilities are too often undervalued by many; hence the best directed efforts of such teachers are not appreciated. The school appeared to have done very well.

Winter Term. Robert Wason, teacher. *Prud. Com. J. B. J. D.* Mr. Wason entered upon the duties of teacher, evidently with the design of being useful, but fell into the errors so common with young teachers—he sought to please all and failed. Some of his scholars were studious and obedient, others unruly and heedless. The school would have been more profitable with a more stringent government.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

We can hardly be considered as having done our whole duty if we neglect to pay a passing tribute to these "*Alma Maters*" of the masses of the human race. And yet, this subject has been so often the theme of remark by my predecessors, that little remains to be said of their present fame. What volumes might be written of their past history, and their glories in other days.

The citizens of Dist. No. 1, have shown their zeal and public spirit in the cause of education, by promptly and honorably responding to the public demand, in erecting and furnishing the "model" and convenient edifice that adorns the public square in the centre of the town.

In Dist. No. 3, the improvements by repairs, paint and paper on their house has converted its former gloomy and prison-like looking interior, into a pleasant and agreeable room, and adds much to the convenience and comfort both of teacher and scholar.

In five of the remaining districts, the houses are of a comparatively modern date and model, and combine utility and comfort in a considerable degree.

In the remaining four districts, the same old structures which have defied the blasts of winter and the heats of summer, for a period whose origin is so remote that they furnish no geological evidence of a beginning, still meet the gaze of our citizens and excite the surprise of the stranger. But the spirit of enterprise and public improvement is even here, and ere long, we trust, the opposition which has hitherto suppressed its development, will have dwindled to a minority.

It is reported, that in some of these districts, there have been, and still are, individuals, legal voters a large proportion of them will average, who from their position in society, are supposed to have no other interest than a negative one in any improvements which look to the benefit ot posterity if it levies a tax upon them.

If this be true, we hope that for the benefit of individual perpetuity, and "*Pro Bono Publico*" this number may soon be less, not by removal or calamity, but by their asserting their claims to the immunities of civilized life, and becoming associated like the rest of mankind by social and domestic ties. Then the opposition now presented would soon dwindle to insignificance, and an abundant prospect rise in view.

REMARKS.

Your Committee feels authorised to make a favorable report of the general condition and character of the district schools in town, and of the manifest improvement that has taken place during the past year in their educational pursuits, while at the same time he regrets to state that instances have occurred which might with propriety dampen the ardor and awaken the solicitude of the philanthropist in their behalf. And he takes the liberty to say further, that there are faults and imperfections of a most formidable character in our whole school system, as at present conducted, and they should be removed and must be corrected, before they can take that prominent and dignified position to which they aspire, and to which the schools of other states and communities have attained, where utility and interest have acted in harmony.

And these defects are not the sins of the public alone, demanding only a general penitence, beneath which personal responsibility takes shelter.—But those from which the greatest alarm and even danger is to be anticipated, have their origin in the private councils of individual character—indifference to the subject, parsimony, selfishness and a lack of that early culture of the moral virtues and domestic training, which, while it leads its possessor to improve and cultivate the same, it strives to benefit the condition of his posterity by inculcating the same virtuous examples.

I have thus hinted at some of the causes which give rise to the evils which embarrass our common schools, and the early character of our youth; and they should, may and must be corrected, or, ere long our penal codes, our judiciary and constabulary forces, our dungeons, bolts and bars must be doubled—nay trebled—or the consequences can be more easily imagined than described. We may not, however, sit easily under the imputation of selfishness or self interest in the matter of schools for, and the education our children. But can we escape the charge which so numerous a train of unimpeachable witnesses testify against us; when we exhibit no more anxiety for their value, never or seldom visit them; are never interested in the teacher, save to know that he was hired

cheap; rarely enquire for the result of the session; seldom manifest any concern whether our children attend school half a day, a whole day or none at all; and when our children never know by word look or action that we have a kindly word or feeling for the school and its interests? Do we escape the charge when we require our children to perform so much labor before going to school that nearly half the morning session is gone ere the school-room can be reached? And are we willing to take the responsibility, when for tardy mark after tardy mark which the scholar thus receives, he feels himself losing his standing with his fellows, and becomes discouraged and disgusted with an institution which urges him to the most untiring exertion, only to load him with dishonor and disgrace? And when thus discomfitted he cuts loose from the frail respect in which he holds parental authority to seek pecuniary gain, or what is most to be feared, to loiter his time in the company of the idle and vicious.

It has been suggested in the foregoing remarks that much of the character of our schools and people depends on early training—upon those early lessons of propriety and virtue—those pains and sublime instructions that make such deep and lasting impressions upon the mind during its puerile life. In proof of this, the attention is directed to the history of every meritorious and worthy person whose character adorns the page of history, or, unwritten, may fall within the limit of our own sphere of observation; instances need not be cited, the proof is abundant. Nor is proof less abundant of the opposite character in history, which is not thereby adorned, yet the harvest of the fruits of neglect, indifference, disrespect and early disobedience, are as readily seen. But to illustrate this in a manner more easily understood, let us suppose that in a district school two little boys ask leave to go for a pail of water—an everyday occurrence —which is granted. Before leaving, the smaller one craves of the teacher the privilege of carrying it round, or as it is termed "passing the water," which is also granted. On their way back with the water the larger one says he will pass it. The smaller one replies, "the teacher said I might, and I shall." "Well," says the other, "if I cannot, I'll spill the water," and spill it he does. The teacher, unaware of the cause of the accident, directs another, which is brought and disposed of agreeably to the usual mode. At noon, or very soon after the disaffected scholar goes home, and amid a flood of tears, sighs and falsehoods, relates his afflictions and grievances to his sympathizing parents. Full credit is given to the child's story, and the unfortunate boy is taken from school by his more unfortunate parents; while the teacher, who cannot learn the cause of the disaffection, is not consulted by the parents, nor informed of the cause of the disaffection, but is charged with partiality, and denounced as unfit for her station. Would this affair have ended thus, if the early instruction had been judicious and proper?

To illustrate still further—Let us suppose that in another school one of the larger scholars for disobedience is reprimanded, and perhaps punished. During the punishment he denounces the teacher in the most indecent and irreverent terms, and shows fight. But feeling unequal to the case, calls upon his fellows for the assistance promised in such an emergency; but it is not forthcoming. The courage so valiant when danger was not at hand, has in time of need evaporated, and the unfortunate boy, perhaps, supposes himself shockingly flogged, or boasts, as do other mischievous persons, that had he been a *leetle* smarter, how he would have

given it to the teacher. Poor unfortunate lad! surrounded by such companions, and disregarding parental advice, or coinciding with it in full, he leaves the school and revels in the privileges of his fancied bill of rights, which is decoying him to inevitable ruin.

This is a public and also a personal calamity; and if it is a fancied sketch, may it not have a parallel in fact? But thus the case stands: the parents desire no investigation; the district does not require it; and though the public good, the interests of the district, the character of the school and the citizens do, no one undertakes it, and the verdict thus passed hushes justice to silence, and gives apparent approval to what the better judgment condemns.

Thus embarrassed, and thus encumbered, our common schools drag themselves along. Instead of being nurseries of the higher moral virtues, they are, alas too often, the theatres from whence emanate many of the vices and crimes which shock our senses and endanger our safety.—But they are pregnant with great results. They are sowing the seed that will yield its fruit in a hundred fold ratio in a future harvest, and require only the careful oversight, cultivation and protection of the public, to secure a result that shall crown our labors with honor, and our posterity and our country with that brilliant and happy fame which awaits only the manifest destiny of a virtuous and moral people. Our children, for whom we live, and would even die, should there be taught aright; they should be instructed in the invariable practice of truth, and in the strict avoidance of all that conflicts with virtue; for soon they are to be our lords and lawgivers; some to stand where we stand, and to occupy our places in the active scenes of this great drama, some to take an active and conspicuous part in cultivating and perpetuating the moral, religious and political institutions of our country and the world, or to be participants in its downfall and ruin. And on us rest the charge of giving them the right instruction—the proper direction. And shall we fail to do it?—shall we not commence the work in our early instructions, and let those great principles which led our Fathers through perils of flood and field, lead us to teach our children—ourselves that are to be—aright in our fireside and domestic lessons? And let us purge our schools of all that tends to erroneous or false views or bad results. Let us enlist in the interest of the public good, in all these affairs at least. Then both public and private interest will be promoted beyond the dusky atmosphere of selfishness. Let us study our whole duty; wipe error from these fountains, and plant them with honest worth and moral virtue. Then not only every good citizen will lend them his best wishes, but every citizen will urge upon them his hearty co-operation. Then we shall enable these primitive instructions and early associations which lay at the foundation of personal, political and moral character, to be established in truth. Then shall they be surrounded by circumstances which shall make and leave such an impress upon the mind of our children and youth, that they can refer to them in after life with emotions of pleasure, rather than of painful regret. And thus we shall furnish them with a motive for which to turn, and by which to act, which shall make our posterity worthy of the day in which they live, and the world the better for their having lived in it.—And in a word, that they shall teach them to respect the laws, obey their rulers, honor their parents and reverence God.

In our last Annual Report we expressed a desire for reasons connected with our professional duties, not to be again connected with this board. And it was not until all the objections that could be brought to bear on the subject had been fully discussed, that leave was given to the appointing power to make the present appointment.

The leading argument made use of at that time, is now obsolete, for by the kindly smiles of an overruling Providence, a man better qualified and better circumstanced to discharge its duties, has come to reside with us. In view of these circumstances, I must again most respectfully renew that request. All of which is respectfully submitted,

JACOB P. WHITTEMORE.

Statistical Table.

FIRST TERM.	District.	Whole No. of Scholars.	No. of Scholars between 4 and 16 years.	No. of Scholars over 16.	Average Attendance.	Cases of Tardiness.	Cases of Dismissal.	Wages per month including board.	No. of weeks.
Caroline M. Brown.	1	76	76		50	23	42	20,00	11
Data C. Morse,	2	20	20		17	69	18	13,00	10
Susan Hazelton,	3	‡58	57	1	51½	42	†00,00		9
Lydia A. N. Webster,	4	17	15	2	14	10	8	15,68	12½
Martha A. Hill,	5	10	9	1	8	36	8	12,00	11
Lucy P. Greenough,	6	27	27		24	8	6	12,00	8
Semantha C. Merrill,	7	35	35		32	54	39	14,00	9
Louisa J. Bean,	8	30	26	4	26	10	16	16,00	10
Martha A. Hill,	9	18	14	4	16	16	8	12,20	10¼
Sarah J. French,	10	22	18	4	13	8	†00	§8,00	8
Mehitable Kidder,	11	25	24	1	20⅔	50	63	§6	9
SECOND TERM.	‡20 in Alphabet. †None reported. ‡Board not included.								
Caroline M. Brown,	1	76	76		50	14	17	20,00	10
James H. Whittemore,	2	26	24	2	24½	83	27	24,00	8
Jesse Brown,	3	62	57	5	50½	54	†00	24,00	7½
Lucy P. Greenough,	6	27	27		23	10	10	12,00	9
Semantha C. Merrill,	7	32	32		26	46	29	14,00	7
Louisa J. Bean,	8	29	26	3	22	8	34	16,00	10
Robert Wason.	11	24	20	4	17½	76	60	§12,00	9
THIRD TERM.	†None reported. §Board not included.								
William Marshall,	1	64	58	6	41	87	†00	36,00	9

Still in session. †None reported.